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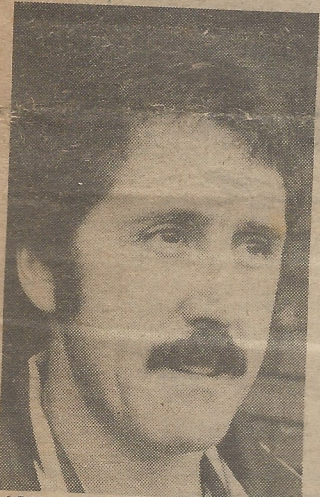
SLOW COACHES GO THE FASTEST

Joe Marston last week became the 8th coaching casualty this year in the PSL as Olympic replaced him with John Xipolitas — a mere two weeks after an official announcement by the club that they have no intention of changing coaches midstream.

But they have: Xipolitas is the 6th coach of Sydney Olympic since 1977.

In case you think Olympic are the villains of the piece, have a good, long look at this chart below.

The current 14 PSL clubs have used up 48 coaches in two and a half years — of these 21 were with the four always sensitive Greek-backed clubs.



APIA's Ray Richards: since his "permanent" appointment after being a caretaker, APIA have gained one point out of four matches.

Compared to some of our coaches, wandering minstrels were reticent homebodies.



St. George's Raul Blanco: possibly mindful that the average lifespan of coaches with the Saints is six months.

John Margaritis holds the record, having had four spells with three different clubs; Jim Adam and Les Scheinflug trail him by one though they can claim to have worked in three different cities.

St. George, once the epitome of stability, are having their fifth coach in less than three years — an average lifespan of about six months.

—By Andrew Dettre—

Sydney City have been the model of steadiness: Gerry Chaldi has been at the helm ever since they entered the PSL in 1977.

Newcastle have also had only one coach in their two years, Alan Vest.

It's becoming painfully clear that most club managements make coaching appointments in a haste, without sufficient thought let alone investigation.

Far too many of our coaches are little more than retired



Brisbane City's Nereo Saftich: tried his luck with the same club in 1977, is now back for a second stint.



Marconi's Les Scheinflug: he is now with his third club in three States in three PSL years.

players without the necessary formal qualifications and coaching education.

It's a miracle that some survive even for a few months.

This unbelievable merry-go-round does nothing for the prestige of the Philips League.

Obviously some reforms are necessary to raise the standard of coaching, to stiffen the far too informal and easy way of getting "certificates" and to induce club managements to engage only people whose technical and human qualities predestine them for the job.

Every sacking reflects on the club managements and the hair-raisingly amateurish ways they use to fill these vital positions in their outfits.



South Melbourne's John Margaritis: currently fulfilling his fourth coaching engagement with PSL clubs since 1977.

Marconi's title now within range

Marconi literally flying towards the PSL title, last year's woodenspooners Brisbane City in the aristocratic second spot and South Melbourne at rock bottom — this is the PSL picture after last week's low-scoring round.

Just who will stop Marconi, where and how, is the big question; short of another very drastic collapse they certainly look like the 1979 champions.

This week they go to Barton Stadium for the points and a disjointed St. George is hardly likely to contain them.

The Saints have scrambled away from the bottom, on the slenderest goal difference possible but their plight is still serious.

Sydney City go to Melbourne to meet Footscray whose fortunes have taken a sharp nose-dive.

In fact it looks probable that at least one, if not both, the relegated teams will come from Melbourne.

Sydney City should win but only if they can add a degree of punch to their otherwise impeccable class.

APIA and Olympic meet at Wentworth Park and neither team is in the type of sparkling form which could give them a serious hope for a very big crowd; oh for the days in the 1960s when some 18,000 saw their clash...

APIA are possibly a shade more compact and more likely to score a goal or two which could be enough for the points.

Newcastle plays on Saturday against Adelaide City with the winner having taken a vital step towards a Top Four berth.

Unless Dixie Deans is ousted at Tuesday's disciplinary meeting, the Adelaide attack could swing the balance in their favor.

West Adelaide, gradually losing contact with the leaders, will have another battle on their hand against the plucky and steady

Canberra.

Brisbane City will be at home to Heidelberg and this could be an exciting, close tussle.

Heidelberg's away record is not the best and they will be lucky to snatch a point from Perry Park.

The South Melbourne v Brisbane Lions game will have an important bearing on the relegation issue.

Should the former Melbourne giants lose again, their position

could rapidly become hopeless.

On the other hand Lions are not safe yet either and defeat here would keep them perilously close to disaster.

First round scores: Adelaide City v Newcastle 0-0; Canberra v West Adelaide 0-0; Olympic v APIA 0-2; Lions v South Melbourne 2-0; Sydney City v Footscray 3-0; Marconi v St. George 2-1; Heidelberg v Brisbane City 0-0.



Dixie Deans (middle, only head showing) is embraced by Adelaide City team mates Muir and Russell after scoring a spectacular header against APIA last Sunday in Sydney.

THE MUSICAL CHAIR

CLUB	1977	1978	1979	Total
SYDNEY CITY	Gerry Chaldi	Gerry Chaldi	Gerry Chaldi	1
MARCONI	Rale Rasic	Rale Rasic	Les Scheinflug	2
ST. GEORGE	Manfred Schafer Ilija Takac	Ilija Takac Joe Vlasits	Joe Gelei Raul Blanco	5
OLYMPIC	Bruce Stowell Kaz Kulak	Tom Anderson George Gibson Joe Marston	Joe Marston John Xipolitas	6
APIA	Not in PSL	Not in PSL	Jim Adam Ray Richards	2
HEIDELBERG	Jim Adam Tony Boggi	Tony Boggi John Margaritis	John Margaritis Manny Poulakakis	4
STH. MELBOURNE	John Margaritis Manny Poulakakis Con Xanthopoulos	Dave MacIaren	Dave MacIaren Duncan McKay John Margaritis	5
FOOTSCRAY	Cedo Cirkovic	Cedo Cirkovic	Cedo Cirkovic Bob McLachlan	2
ADELAIDE CITY	Edmund Kreft	Edmund Kreft Les Scheinflug	Rale Rasic	3
WEST ADELAIDE	Mike Johnson Bill Birch	John Margaritis Neil McGachey Jim Adam	Tom Forde	6
BRISBANE CITY	Ian Kesson Nereo Saftich	Luciano Nesti Denis Ford Ian Rathmell	Nereo Saftich	4
BRISBANE LIONS	Les Scheinflug	Brian Daykin Julius Vincze	Eddie Spearritt Mike Carson	5
CANBERRA	John Warren	John Warren	Vic Fernandez	2
NEWCASTLE	Not in PSL	Alan Vest	Alan Vest	1

2 TO 6

Conducted by Val Hokin
and Emmanuel Kanna



LETHBRIDGE RANGERS (2nd div), because of failure to score from chances created in their match against Bathurst at Bathurst, were only able to bring home one point with a 0-0 result. Lethbridge looked the better side with Bathurst's goalkeeper making several very good saves. Ian Rankin, goalkeeper for the Rangers, was quick off his line to save the one breakaway Bathurst made. G. Judge played well for Bathurst cancelling out several of the Lethbridge moves. One unfortunate incident happened when a Bathurst 3rd grader fractured his leg in a clash with the keeper. A bus load of players and supporters made the trip up.

WEST ST. GEORGE (5th div) played the division leaders Canley Heights last Saturday for a 2-2 draw though were unfortunate not to take the two points. Having the better play in midfield and a tight defense, it was penalties which decided the match. After a 0-0 half time Wests took the lead with a goal from a goalmouth scramble in the 60th minute. Canley Heights scored from a penalty in the 70th minute and another in the 78th minute after a re-take. Five minutes later Wests were awarded a penalty and converted it to equalise. Forward Dave Hooper and midfielder Ray Cuth both had outstanding games with Canley Heights. Reserve grade took the two points with a 6-0 result with Neil Bennie scoring a hat-trick. The club conducted a stall at the Rockdale Trash & Treasure Markets last weekend raising about \$200.

EASTWOOD ST. ANDREWS (4th div) were hosts to Nth Rocks in a game that saw Eastwood winning 4-0 comfortably. The Eastwood defence blocked all the opposition moves with Keith Fagan excelling in the backs. The forwards, however, despite many other misses were able to put four in the net. Norman White scored two, Graham Waterhouse one and one was an own goal.

GUILDFORD COUNTY (2nd div) played Baulkham Hills at home last Saturday. Baulkham Hills needed to win to keep within striking distance of the division leaders. They opened the score with Barry Walker, making a return to the game after five weeks out with injury, making an excellent run down the left side and cutting the ball across for Steve Davidson to finish it off into the net, giving the goalkeeper no chance. County came back with a header from Tony Glass just before half time. In the second half County, keeping the ball wide and concentrating on the Hills' weaknesses in defence, were unlucky not to have scored two goals. It was poor finishing that saw Guildford not get two points for 90 minutes of great effort.

ARTARMON (3rd div) consolidated its position with the leaders in the division by defeating Bondi 3-1. In the first half the score was 0-1 for Bondi, through a goal headed in by Sam Foster but in the second half Artamon were the better side and managed to finish 3-1 up.

KINGSFORD (3rd div) were supposed to play Nth Bankstown last Sunday but the game did not eventuate due to the absence of official referees. This leaves Kingsford with two deferred matches which will have to be played before the end of the season.

MACCABI (5th div) played their first grade Round 6 re-match against Edensor Park last Saturday going down 3-2. Maccabi's goal scorer was Jeff Topler with two goals. Edensor Park were the better side on the day creating more goal scoring chances, capitalising on three. Maccabi also played their Round 16 matches against Hawkesbury last weekend. First grade, less six regular players, led 1-0 at half time with Ron Lilling scoring from 25 metres from a free kick. Jeff Topler was instrumental in the 2nd and 3rd goals which were scored by Mick Swibel and Ron Silvers with Hawkesbury scoring their goal in the 75th minute.

ASHCROFT (3rd div) jumped to the top of the competition table by gaining four points from two matches played last weekend. On Saturday Ashcroft defeated Bonnyrigg Eagles 1-0 in a game that mostly belonged to the Eagles who somehow failed to score. The Ashcroft goal, which came in the second half, was scored by Vlad Knaus. On Sunday Ashcroft defeated Hurstville 2-4. The scorers for Hurstville in this game were Faid Refic and a penalty by Almas Muratovic.

YAGOONA (2nd div) scored in the opening minutes of their match against Dee Why last Sunday and an even first half followed with the half time score showing 1-1. Yagoona scored again in the opening minutes of the second half and followed up with another three before fulltime, despite the fact that player/coach Russell Haggett was substituted due to injury just after halftime. Greg Gilligan scored four goals and John Major one. Dee Why made some good moves and Yagoona's goalkeeper had to pull off several very good saves at crucial stages of the match.

BONNYRIGG EAGLES (3rd div) are still without their true form despite defeating Riverstone 3-1. The first half was scoreless despite many scoring chances which the Eagles forwards missed. In the second half the first goal came from Martin Bazi who headed in the ball after receiving it from a corner taken by Dony Arkhiom. Dony also scored the 2nd and 3rd goals. The second was from a penalty while the third was from a very powerful shot from just outside the penalty area.

LANE COVE (2nd div) will be holding a Gala Day to promote the code in the Lane Cove district on Sunday, July 29. The club has about 250 juniors and have invited others from Greenwich, Artamon and Nth Ryde to take part in under 7 to under 16 dribbling, penalty kicking, running, and ball control skills. The finals of these will be conducted at half time of the club's first grade match against Gladesville-Hornsby. The club has sponsorship from various commercial businesses in the area for the Best & Fairest player in first, second and third grades on the day. Official guests will be the Federal Treasurer, John Howard, Mayor of Lane Cove, Ald. Henningham and John Dowd, State Member for Lane Cove. The club expects around 1000 players and spectators on the day. The club is also, in conjunction with the Lane Cove Lions Club, conducting a fund-raising effort, a Kick-on-Thon, to raise funds towards an intensive care unit at the Royal Nth Shore Hospital.

FAIRFIELD KIEV (4th div) had a scoring spree, defeating Maroubra 8-1. The score was 3-0 six minutes after the start with the first goal being an 'own goal' and just before half time a penalty kick helped Maroubra to make it 4-1. Two hat-tricks were scored in this game, one by Billy Zovnis and the other by Dennis Neilsen with Bob Fawalaga scoring the seventh.

CLUB PATROL

EDITED BY STEPHEN DETTRE

Auburn's STEVE LEAK is again sidelined through injury. After playing in second grade last week he broke down again with stomach and leg injuries.

Melita, desperate to catch Croatia, are ready and willing to face Parramatta this weekend. Parramatta/Granville have been something of a bogey team for the Eagles in the past two years, and they have never been able to beat them in the competition proper. If Melita are to overhaul Croatia they must get two points this weekend.

The Manly club made a presentation to first team player BRUCE DOYLE last week to commemorate his 100th game in the first team for the club.

One of Arncliffe's fast improving players is Richie Schroeder. Under the guiding hand of STAN ACKERLEY, Richie has shrugged off 'the blues' and is now playing to his true potential.

Four birthday boys at Bankstown this week are CHRIS ROOTSEY, who will turn 22, DAVE MORRISON, who will be 24, GREG LYNCH, who turns 26, and second grader MICK PIRRIE who also turns 22.

Manly-Warringah's Bruce Doyle received a presentation at Cromer Park last Sunday to mark his 100th first grade game with the club. He started out in the Manly Association back in 1965 as an under 9 player with Dee Why. Next Saturday he marries Britta Larsen at the Belrose Unit-ing Church.

The Yugal Club still is not licensed, so any guests to the club must supply their own liquor. Secretary MIKE ALAGICH said that they also have not provided a full restaurant yet, until the liquor licence comes through.

Club officials thought that Toongabbie striker ALAN

FISHER may have been back in training this week, after his stomach operation, but it seems he will be out for another two weeks at least.

Marrickville Olympic has been searching for young talent for the first team and last week gave 19-year-old JOHN BINOS the chance to prove himself in the first grade.

Auburn officials have been more than happy with the performances this year of goalkeeper RON GISBOURNE. Ron, who was one of VIC DALGLEISH'S proteges, has improved after a nervous start to be a pillar at the rear of the defence.

MARRICKVILLE Olympic are not having the best of luck with injuries this year. Their new signing from Victorian club Green Gully Ajax, LAWR-ENCE SMITH, after having played in just one match, seems likely to need a cartilage operation.

Auburn officials are pleased with the return to form of striker BRUCE TILT. He has been playing well in the last couple of weeks, scoring goals regularly, and forming a deadly partnership with STEVE MONTGOMERY.

It seems more than likely that Melita's favourite son, JOE FARRUGIA, will return home to Malta for good at the end of the season. Joe has been with the club for six years, playing with the club in second division and State League. In 1975 he was the second division's top scorer with 23 goals, and has always proven himself a favourite with the fans and critics.

This Saturday Manly first grader BRUCE DOYLE marries BRITTA LARSEN. Our congratulations to both.

MONARO have obtained the services of a team physician,

who is specialising in sports medicine.

JOHN SANTOLIN made a welcome return to Monaro's mid-field after injury

MONARO have refused an offer from Canberra City for GIAMPAOLO and VALERI as the club won't hear of transferring any players at this stage of the season.

The ROYAL NORTH SHORE HOSPITAL has formed a soccer team and is keen to arrange friendly matches. Interested clubs should contact Serge Zeballos on 438 0411 ext. 7537.

The Yugal club regularly holds dances and disco nights at the new club premises every Friday and Saturday night. The Fridays are reserved for discos, while dances are held each Saturday.

Ku-ring-gai officials are very pleased with the way their third grade has been playing this year. Under the guidance of JOHN MACDONALD, the team is producing the talent which will be drawn upon by the first team in the near future.

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There are 433,957 soccer players in Australia this year, according to figures compiled by the Australian Soccer Federation.

—By Keith Gilmour—

The Federation will shortly issue their handbook listing leagues and Associations and schoolboy player numbers.

With a playing strength of this magnitude, which includes 30,236 teams, the addition of coaches, team managers and referees brings up a total of some 500,000 direct participants in the sport.

The returns have been lodged with ASF Youth Development Officer Brian Emery.

The basic figures come from generally accurate numbers from State Federations and Amateurs, with due but conservative allowances made for schoolboy players so that numbers do not overlap.

NSW, including Northern NSW, have a staggering 125,000 amateur players, to which many thousands of senior players have to be added.

After allowance is made for then existing associations not included in 1978 figures, the number of players in southern NSW rose by over 12% this year.

This is a tremendous credit to this aspect of the amateur game.

Victoria appears to have fluffed their playing numbers, as they are overstated compared with the numbers which could be expected from

1459 amateur teams.

This excess is offset by the absence of a number of competitions in different states which have not reported their figures.

In Queensland the Bundaberg area is missing, in NSW the strong Protestant Churches, in Sydney and Canberra the Public Services, Broken Hill and many country associations, and many women's and women's schools competitions.

The minnows, Tasmania, now field 7800 junior and amateur footballers outside of their senior leagues.

The individual state tallies for junior and amateur players only are: Queensland, 21,763. Northern NSW 25,629. NSW 95,372. ACT, 3,870. Victoria: approximately 20,000 after adjustment. Tasmania 7,800. South Australia, 14,815. Western Australia, 10,391. Northern Territory, 1,659.

One area that obviously requires working on in many states is the tertiary area of Colleges of Advanced Education and Teachers' Colleges.

Brian Emery has been in Perth and Adelaide this week and will later visit Melbourne and Hobart to aid the states to increase both quantity and quality of their locally-born products.

TEAMS	PLAYERS
1116	18245
1691	26969
12791	183318
13395	187530
86	1203
781	11715
376	4977

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NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

NSW TABLES

UNDER 14

Group A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sydney Olympic	10	2	—	41	9	22
Toongabbie	8	—	4	34	18	16
Bankstown	8	—	4	34	21	16
APIA	7	1	4	17	15	15
Melita	5	1	6	18	20	11
Parramatta	1	1	10	11	22	3
Guildford	—	1	11	4	54	1

UNDER 14

Group B	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	13	1	—	77	8	27
Baulkham Hills	6	5	3	27	17	17
Belmore	6	4	4	24	21	16
Sydney City	7	2	5	26	31	16
Polonia	6	3	5	28	20	15
Auburn	3	4	7	17	33	10
Arncliffe	4	1	9	16	38	9
Lethbridge	—	2	12	6	53	2

U15

Group A	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	10	2	—	54	8	22
Toongabbie	8	1	3	26	7	17
Bankstown	7	1	4	24	15	15
Sydney Olympic	5	3	4	18	16	13
Guildford	4	—	8	16	28	8
Parramatta	3	1	8	10	33	7
Melita	—	2	10	4	45	2

U15

Group B	W	D	L	F	A	P
Polonia	10	3	1	39	7	23
Sydney City	11	1	2	42	12	23
Marconi	8	4	2	43	8	20
Lethbridge	8	3	3	31	19	19
Arncliffe	5	3	6	31	25	13
Auburn	4	2	8	30	44	10
Baulkham Hills	2	—	12	19	59	4
Belmore	—	—	14	7	68	0

—LAURIE GRIMES

U16

Group A	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	11	1	—	47	3	23
Toongabbie	7	2	3	31	15	16
Guildford	5	5	2	46	15	15
Melita	6	2	4	25	22	14
Sydney Olympic	5	1	6	25	32	11
Bankstown	2	1	9	16	34	5
Parramatta	—	—	12	4	73	0

U16

Group B	W	D	L	F	A	P
Belmore	12	—	2	36	11	24
Sydney City	8	4	2	29	16	20
Auburn	9	1	4	40	15	19
Marconi	8	2	4	32	13	18
Polonia	4	2	8	16	33	10
Arncliffe	3	3	8	13	32	9
Lethbridge	3	3	8	17	40	9
Baulkham Hills	—	3	11	7	30	3

ROUND 14

Group A U14

Toongabbie 7, Guildford 0. APIA 2, Bankstown 1. Sydney Olympic 2, Parramatta 0 on a forfeit. Melita: Bye.

U15

Toongabbie 3, Guildford 0. APIA 1, Bankstown 0. Sydney Olympic 2, Parramatta 1. Melita: Bye.

U16

Toongabbie 2, Guildford 1. APIA 6, Bankstown 0. Sydney Olympic 2, Parramatta 0 on a forfeit. Melita: Bye.

GROUP B

U14

Marconi 8, Arncliffe 0. Baulkham Hills 2, Polonia 0. Auburn 3, Lethbridge 0. Sydney City 1, Belmore 0.

U15

Arncliffe 1, Marconi 1. Polonia 5, Baulkham Hills 1. Lethbridge 5, Auburn 0. Sydney City 5, Belmore 0.

U16

Marconi 1, Arncliffe 0. Polonia 3, Baulkham Hills 0. Auburn 8, Lethbridge 1. Sydney City 4, Belmore 1.

ROUND ROBIN July 21: Kick off:

U14, 12.30pm; U15, 1.45pm; U16, 3pm.

Group A

1 v 2 Lambert Park

U14 Sydney Olympic v Toongabbie, U15 APIA v Toongabbie, U16 APIA v Toongabbie.

Group A

3 v 4 Gabbie Stadium

U14 Bankstown v APIA, U15 Bankstown v Sydney Olympic, U16 Guildford v Melita.

Group B

1 v 2 Blick Oval

U14 Marconi v Baulkham Hills, U15 Polonia v Sydney City, U16 Belmore v Sydney City.

Group B

3 v 4 Jersey Road

U14 Belmore v Sydney City, U15 Marconi v Lethbridge, U16 Auburn v Marconi.

PEPSI STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1

W	D	L	F	A	P
11	5	—	38	15	27
9	4	3	40	24	22
8	4	4	31	15	20
7	5	3	24	17	19
7	3	6	23	21	17
7	3	6	29	28	17
7	3	6	24	24	17
4	7	5	19	25	15
5	3	8	17	22	13
6	1	9	15	31	13
4	4	7	21	25	12
3	5	7	16	28	11
3	3	9	13	21	9
3	2	10	12	27	8

GRADE 2

W	D	L	F	A	P
12	2	1	38	7	26
8	3	5	38	21	19
6	6	3	21	18	18
8	2	6	22	20	18
7	3	5	19	18	17
5	6	4	17	12	16
5	6	5	15	15	16
6	4	6	28	22	16
5	5	5	22	16	15
5	5	6	13	27	15
6	1	8	18	38	13
4	5	7	15	25	13
3	6	7	10	25	12
2	12	4	4	48	2

GRADE 3

W	D	L	F	A	P
10	3	2	29	12	23
10	1	3	50	10	21
8	3	2	22	8	19
8	3	3	27	15	19
7	5	2	24	19	18
7	4	4	28	14	18
5	5	4	18	16	15
5	1	8	12	19	11
4	2	9	14	38	10
3	2	9	18	26	8
3	2	9	18	39	8
1	5	8	16	36	7
1	4	8	10	33	6

DIVISION 1, GRADE 1

W	D	L	F	A	P
15	2	2	54	16	32
10	5	3	30	22	25
11	1	5	38	20	23
9	4	6	37	25	22
10	2	5	41	31	22
8	5	4	21	16	21
9	1	7	42	22	19
7	4	8	37	30	18
5	6	6	18	31	16
5	4	10	24	36	14
4	4	10	22	44	12
5	1	12	30	39	11
4	3	12	19	42	11
2	4	12	19	51	8

DIVISION 1, GRADE 2

W	D	L	F	A	P
13	2	4	35	23	28
11	4	3	46	18	26
9	6	2	39	15	24
9	4	3	27	14	22
9	4	6	39	36	22
9	3	4	32	17	21
7	7	3	25	19	21
7	6	5	37	30	20
8	4	7	34	29	20
9	—	8	27	27	18
6	2	9	25	37	14
4	3	11	22	45	11
3	4	12	12	28	10
1	4	11	15	28	6
1	2	15	15	52	4

DIVISION 1, GRADE 3

W	D	L	F	A	P
15	3	1	66	17	33
14	2	1	39	14	28
13	2	4	42	18	28
12	2	4	72	13	26
10	5	2	43	14	25
11	3	4	38	27	25
7	4	6	35	35	18
5	5	6	24	25	15
7	3	9	26	39	15
5	4	8	24	27	14
6	1	12	19	45	13
3	4	11	20	45	10
2	2	14	19	52	6
2	1	15	18	58	5
1	2	16	11	39	4

DIVISION 2, GRADE 1

W	D	L	F	A	P
10	5	1	30	12	25
8	5	2	29	14	21
8	4	3	23	12	20
7	4	4	25	22	18
6	6	4	19	15	18
5	7	3	20	16	17
7	3	5	24	26	17
4	4	8	25	30	12
3	6	7	20	25	12
3	4	8	11	21	10
3	2	11	12	33	8
3	2	11	19	31	8

DIVISION 2, GRADE 2

W	D	L	F	A	P
14	1	1	50	7	29
12	2	2	36	16	26
10	1	4	42	20	21
9	1	6	33	18	19
8	2	5	23	18	18
7	3	6	33	29	17
6	1	9	20	23	13
5	3	7	19	31	13
5	2	8	23	27	12
4	—	11	24	32	8
3	2	11	12	33	8
1	2	12	25	68	4

DIVISION 2, GRADE 3

W	D	L	F	A	P
13	1	2	32	5	27
10	2	4	40	19	22
8	5	3	29	15	21
5	7	3	20	21	17
6	4	5	25	24	16
5	5	5	16	18	15
4	6	5	18	16	14
4	5	6	22	19	13
4	5	7	18	25	13
5	2	9	24	28	12
3	3	9	11	41	9
2	4	10	15	39	8

DIVISION 3, GRADE 1

W	D	L	F	A	P
10	4	3	35	13	24
9	4	3	34	17	22
9	4	3	32	19	22
7	6	4	40	22	20
7	4	4	37	25	18
8	2	6	32	22	18
7	4	6	25	28	18
5	4	7	25	31	14
6	0	11	23	35	12
4	4	9	29	49	12
5	1	10	23	37	11
2	1	13	12	50	5

DIVISION 3, GRADE 2

DIVISION 3, GRADE 2						
Campbelltown	9	4	3	32	12	22
Nth. Bankst.	10	1	5	27	15	21
Ashcroft	10	1	6	36	27	21
Bondi	9	3	5	32	28	21
Bonnyrigg	7	4	6	26	32	18
Artarmon	7	2	7	33	23	16
Ryde	7	2	7	29	31	16
Riverstone	7	2	7	31	35	16
Cyd. Uni.	6	2	9	23	25	14
Hurstville	5	2	10	25	46	12
Kingsford	4	2	9	28	36	10

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MARCONI 1 (1)	APIA 1 (0)	ST. GEORGE 1 (0)	FOOTSCRAY 1 (0)	WESTAD 0	STH. MELB. 0	BRIS. CITY 1 (0)
SYDNEY CITY 0	ADEL. CITY 1 (0)	BRIS LIONS 1 (1)	CANBERRA 2 (0)	OLYMPIC 0	HEIDELBERG 1 (1)	N'CASTLE U 1 (0)

Goal: Sharne 8m.
MARCONI: Maher 3, Berry 4, Degney 4, Russell 3, Prskalo 4, Henderson 3, Byrne 4, Vieri 3, Jankovics 3, Krncevic 3, Sharne 4. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.
SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 3, Ker-shaw 4, Thomson (Mullen 3, 8m), O'Connor 3, Bruce 3, Stevenson 3, Watson 4, Barnes 3, Campbell 4, Smith 2, Sou-ness 3.
Coach: G. Chaldi.
Referee: T. Beazleigh (Vic.).
Crowd: 8784. **Cautions:** Ber-ry, Henderson, Mullen, Bruce.

One small kick for Peter Sharne, but one great leap forward for Marconi.

In a line that might sum up this match, for with a half stumbling sweep of his foot Sharne put the ball home from one metre to sink Sydney City and put Marconi a commanding five points clear of Brisbane City on the table.

Marconi only really played at their peak for the first 15 minutes, but in that time they knocked City senseless and scored a valuable goal, something the Slickers couldn't do, for all their superiority, in the remaining 75 minutes.

Marconi opened the match like men possessed and set upon Clarke's goal with a frenzy, terrorizing the City defence, and having three shots cleared off the line in the opening minute.

Within six minutes the toll was already showing on the stunned Slickers as Eddie Thomson was injured, and then their defence began to show alarming gaps.

Almost immediately Marconi capitalized when Degney overlapped, Krncevic shot, Clarke dropped the 'safe' catch, and there was Sharne like a whirlwind to scramble the ball home.

But the City ball players gradually won out over the cut and thrust Marconi speedsters, robbing them of precious possession to a point that whenever Marconi had the ball and started to go forward everyone cheered with relief.

Alas for City, they couldn't convert their midfield superiority into any real danger in front of goal.

In the end it was the difference in attacking power which won the match for Marconi who must now surely be set for that elusive title ... or are they?

—S. Dettre

Goals: 0-1 Deans (56m), 1-1 Reed (87m).

APIA: Woodhouse 4, Skellern 3, Pullen 4, Carruthers 4, McGinn 3, Dempsey 4, Rampanti 4 (Samuels 71m), Butler 3, Roberts 3, Reed 4, Drews 2. **Coach:** R. Richards.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 4, Russell 3, Perin 4, Muir 3, B. Nyskohus 3, Dods 3, Muniz 4, Northcote 3, Deans 5, J. Nyskohus 3, Kent 2. **Coach:** R. Rasic.

Referee: D. Nugent (Brisbane). **Crowd:** 2968. **Cautions:** Muniz, Northcote.

This was a strange game. Played for the most part at breakneck pace, there were all too few shots and passes were rarely strung together for long enough to be absolutely meaningful.

On top of that, a brilliant early display by Dixie Deans should have had Adelaide one ahead in the second minute, but he took too much time to measure his shot and allowed Bob McGinn to clear from the goal-mouth in the nick of time.

In the 56th minute he netted what could have been the winner from a well-placed free-kick from Agenor Muniz wide on the right. It was the one time that he was free of APIA sweeper Jim Dempsey's closest attention.

APIA remained under pressure when Mark Pullen, a definite success on the day, headed just by his own post from Chris Dent's telling cross.

Then APIA's Ken Reed struck the post with Peter Marshall out of the picture.

The all-important goal for APIA was well earned.

Eric Carruthers, another valiant worker, sent a head high free-kick across from the right.

Mark Pullen flicked it on and Reed somehow crashed a first time 10 metre shot in, which gave Peter Marshall not a hope in the world of saving.

APIA certainly benefited from the skills of Ros Rampanti, back after injury. For Adelaide City John Perin darted everywhere to set up many first-half moves, as did Brian Northcote.

—K. Gilmour

Goals: 0-1 Fairbrother (25m), 1-1 Gnavi (91m).

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 3, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 2, Della Picca 2 (Grosse 46m), R. O'Shea 3, Katholos 3, Gnavi 3, J. O'Shea 2, Fenoughty 2, Cotton 3 (Hensman 60m), O'Connor 3. **Coach:** R. Blanco.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 3, Hermiston 3, Bennet 3, Lawrie 2, Lavelle 4, Wilson 3, Ogden 2, Hughes 3, Fairbrother 3 (Wallace 47m), Brennan 2, Ontong 2. **Coach:** M. Carson.

Referee: P. Rampley; **Crowd:** 1800; **Cautions:** Hughes, Ontong.

St George must think their luck has turned after creeping away with a point thanks to a magnificent Gnavi goal in injury time.

Never at any stage did the Saints show the method or application of the Lions who, had they taken their chances, could have wrapped up the game well before fulltime.

In the second minute Fairbrother failed to put away a simple chance after a pass from Lavelle, the best man on the field.

Lions kept up the pressure with intelligent use of the wings — yet could have been 0-2 down had Cotton and Gnavi scored from excellent chances.

In the 25th minute the Saints' world fell apart: Della Picca's slow backpass to Fraser enabled Fairbrother to easily put Lions up front.

St. George went from bad to worse before the interval; time and time again they simply gave the ball away, stood back and refused to tackle.

After half-time the Saints showed more determination but still with little direction or cohesion.

The Lions were content to coast in defence as Lownds easily coped with the high balls pumped to him while Hermiston and Bennett handled the aimless wanderings of the St George front line.

With no effective midfield the Saints were always vulnerable to the quick break but when they came, the Lions missed the chances to punish them.

When all seemed done, Gnavi's thunderbolt saved the point for the Saints.

However, unless there is better application and some method stilling into the team, it can only be good luck that takes them from the bottom, rather than good soccer.

—R. Dewick

Goals: 1-0 Ollerton (49 min), 1-1 McLaren (60 min), 1-2 Byrne (70 min).

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 4, Ilioski 3, Ristic 3, Jovicic 2, Kondarios 5, Jovanovic 2, Lujic 3, Hazabent 3, Piciaone 2, (Rujevic 70 min), Ollerton 4, Palinkas 3, (Ristovski 45 min). **Coach:** R. McLachlan.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 4, Moulis 3, Milovanovic 3, Farrell 3 (Gruicic 65 min), Stark 2, Brown 4, Callaghan 3, Cant 2, Byrne 4, Davies 3, McLaren 4. **Coach:** V. Fernandez.

Referee: G. Neal (South Australia) **Crowd:** 700.

Knowing the potential skills of the Footscray side, this must rank as an all-time low in performance.

Canberra seemed content to play out the first half against a steady breeze.

Ilioski laid on a great chance to Ollerton in the fifth minute, but the chance was lost.

Both sides were guilty of inaccurate passing with Ollerton for Footscray and Davies for Canberra missing scoring opportunities.

Lujic dashed down the left wing four minutes into the second half, crossing towards the far post where Ollerton nodded it home.

Callaghan was not impressing the small crowd to any degree, and had no influence in his team's success barring the corner kick which gave ex-Hearts player McLaren the time to control and slot the ball home for the equaliser on the hour.

Two minutes later, Callaghan should have done better right in front of goal but failed.

Footscray's stylish play was absent, and only new blood can remedy that as they played with little enthusiasm.

Canberra were now looking for the winner, and Byrne weaved his way in to the area for the winner with 20 minutes of play left.

A hairline offside decision at 85 minutes prevented Ollerton from saving Footscray's face.

Potter in goal performed well, and only Kondarios and Ollerton came up to scratch for Footscray.

The best for Canberra were Hoszowski, Brown, Byrne and McLaren with the balance being decided by Canberra's enthusiasm for the contest.

—J. Stephen

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 4, Tymczyszyn 4, Reynolds 4, Kosmina 4, Kambas 3, Jones 4, Boyle 4, Dooley 4, Norris 3, Koulianos 3 (Fernandez 46m) 3, McGregor 3. **Coach:** T. Forde.

OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 4, McIntosh 3, Cross 3, Bell 4, K. Wilson 3, Gibson 4, Laing 4, Ras-kopoulos 4, Morris 3, Jennings 4, Rowden 3. **Coach:** J. Xipolitas.

Referee: D. Campbell (SA). **Crowd:** 4,107. **Cautions:** McIntosh.

There were no goals and precious little constructive foot-ball in this forgettable match.

New Olympic coach John Xipolitas will, however, remember it as an opening triumph to his PSL career.

Xipolitas replaced Olympic's deposed coach Joe Marston only four days before the match and was hampered by the absence of experienced players Gary Meier, Clive Eaton, and Andy Scott.

Westad was minus Vic Bozanic (groin), David Pillans (ankle) and Graham Honeyman who was sidelined because of his recent poor form.

Young Peter Wilson deputised adequately for Meier, but he led a charmed life as his supporting defenders assisted in keeping the Olympic goal in tact.

Wilson came under notice in the third minute when he punted a towering clearance into the West penalty area to striker Derek Laing whose hurried shot flashed wide of the goal.

Newcomer Fernandez burst into prominence in the first minute of the second half as Wilson blocked his surging right wing run and Garie Dooley had his solid drive off the rebound headed off the goalline by Bell.

West goalkeeper Martyn Crook then prevented a certain Olympic score when he brilliantly punched a Rowden header away from the far post.

Wilson provided the only other highlight of the drab game when he tipped a 20-metre screamer from John Kosmina over the crossbar.

West staged a late raid which brought a barrage of shots from Fernandez, Kosmina, Dooley and Norris, but Olympic averted the threat with a series of un-composed headers and panic-stricken clearances.

—A. Crisp

Goal: K. Taylor (4m).
SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 4, Pye 4, Turner 3, Baxter 3, Wright 3, Davidson 4, Christopoulos 3, Cummings 3, Lutton 4, Campbell 4, Kalafatis 3. **Coach:** J. Margaritis.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Banovic 3, Yzerdoorn 4, Tansey 5, Bannon 6, Provan 5, Rooney 4, Taylor 4, Campbell 5, (Bouzikas 80m), Patton 5, Buljevic 4, Cole 5. **Coach:** M. Poulakakis.

Referee: T. Davies (NSW). **Crowd:** 12,000. **Cautions:** Christopolous, Baxter.

Heidelberg United continued their advance to the top, clearing the third major obstacle in equal number of weeks.

Heidelberg opened with fierce attacks, the strong gusty wind carrying the ball upfield at enormous speed.

With both teams unsettled, a goal by midfielder Kenny Taylor only four minutes in the game set Heidelberg's pace for the rest of the opening half.

In a goalmouth scramble Cole collected a deflection to quickly square it to Taylor on his right, who screwed the ball in the roof of the net.

Minutes later Buljevic rattled the post from close range with Laumets stranded off his goal line.

As the game progressed, Heidelberg became more eager to increase their lead. But their plans failed when Peter Laumets repeatedly went airborne to parry some blistering shots by Patton and Cole.

South did very little to break the deadlock. Their few counted-attacks crashed against a solid Heidelberg defence where Pat Bannon and his companions reigned supreme in both intercepting and prompting.

Wrong tactics prevented South from levelling the score in the second half. Their high balls in the wind made Heidelberg's task easier.

Although South did most of the attacking work in this half, it was Heidelberg that looked the more dangerous with their quick breaks, perfectly using Cole's explosive speed.

Speaheading the Souths attack, Bertie Lutton missed the good support from Allan Evans, suspended for a game.

But had he been more positive with his regular breaks, South might have at least drawn.

—C. Nikolopoulos

Goals: 1-0 Caldwell (72m), 1-1 Curran (80m).

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 2, Perry 3, Ratcliffe 4, Potter 4, Wilkinson 4, Coyne 3, Pimblett 5, Gaffney 3 (Caldwell 61m), Low 3, Campbell 3, Kelso 3. **Coach:** Saffich.

NEWCASTLE UTD.: Preston 4, Willis 2, Drinkwater 4, Summerscales 3, Curran 3, Tredinnick 3, Bertogna 4, Senkalski 4, Heys 2, Boden 5, Keelan 3, (McClelland 78m). **Coach:** A. Vest.

Referee: H. Witschge (NSW). **Crowd:** 3,755. **Cautions:** Campbell.

Newcastle's tactical plan to police City's big aggressive strikers nearly worked.

With Bertogna withdrawn to help the centre backs, had young Willis had the guile and skill to match his exuberance, who knows, he may have been able to engineer "the break" from his wandering mid-field role.

As it was Campbell and Kelso were seldom given the necessary space for working and it was only the introduction of Caldwell that gave City the necessary penetration.

However, it wasn't to be taken that this was a dull boring game; on the contrary, it was a tremendously exciting encounter with lots of good play interspersed with enough "incident" to keep the big crowd on its toes.

Preston dealt competently with anything that eluded his reinforced defence while Wishart had constant trouble with clever crossing from Boden, Tredinnick and Senkalski.

In all the hustle and bustle, Pimblett and Boden showed the skill and class that Gutendorf needs while Potter, Ratcliffe, Bertogna and Senkalski weren't far behind.

The goals were a mixed bag, Caldwell running on to a clever Ratcliffe through ball to delicately place under a diving Preston.

Curran smashed a freekick past Wishart while the City defence dithered over organisation.

—J. Binnie

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

LAST WEEK'S PSL DETAILS

HEIDELBERG 3 (1)
WESTAD 1 (0)
Goals: 1-0 Buljevic (25 m.), 1-1 Kosmina (60 m.), 2-1 Taylor (68 m.), 3-1 Cole (74 m.).
HEIDELBERG: Banovic 4, Yzerdoorn 5, Tansey 5, Bannon 4, Provan 3, Taylor 4, Campbell 3, Rooney 5, Cole 4, Patton 3, Buljevic 5. **Coach:** M. Poulakakis.
WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 4, Bozanic 3, Reynolds 3, Jones 4, Kambas 4, Tymczyszyn 3, Boyle 2, Norris 2, J. Kosmina 5, Dooley 3, Honeyman 2, (McGregor 76m). **Coach:** T. Forde. **Referee:** T. Boskovic. (NSW). **Crowd:** 4,000.

NEWCASTLE 1 (1)
APIA 0 (0)
GOAL: 1-0 Boden (37m)
NEWCASTLE UNITED: Preston 4, Willis 4, Summerscales 4, Drinkwater 4, Curran 4, Senkalski 5, Bertogna 4, Tredinnick 3, Heys 3, Boden 4, Keelan 4. **Coach:** A. Vest.
APIA: Woodhouse 4, Skellern 3, Pullen 3, Wilson 4, Dempsey 5, O'Donnell 3 (Carruthers 71m), McGinn 4, Butler 4, Stone 4, Roberts 3, Reed 3. **Coach:** R. Richards. **Referee:** P. Rampley. **Cautions:** Pullen, Drinkwater, Wilson. **Crowd:** 10,012.

	AGGREGATE										HOME										AWAY									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	B	TP	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (1) MARCONI	16	10	3	3	41	20	23	4	27	8	4	2	2	18	14	10	8	6	1	1	23	6	13							
2 (3) BRISBANE CITY	17	9	3	5	26	20	21	1	22	8	5	1	2	12	5	11	9	4	2	3	14	15	10							
3 (2) SYDNEY CITY	16	9	2	5	32	22	20	1	21	8	4	—	4	18	16	8	8	5	2	1	14	6	12							
4 (4) ADELAIDE CITY	17	8	4	5	31	22	20	1	21	8	3	2	3	10	11	8	9	5	2	2	21	11	12							
5 (5) NEWCASTLE	17	8	4	5	26	19	20	—	20	8	5	1	2	14	6	11	9	3	3	3	12	13	9							
6 (8) HEIDELBERG	15	7	4	4	23	15	18	1	19	7	3	3	1	11	7	9	8	4	1	3	12	8	9							
7 (6) WEST ADELAIDE	17	7	4	6	21	20	18	1	19	9	5	2	2	15	7	12	8	2	2	4	6	13	6							
8 (7) APIA	17	8	3	6	20	20	19	—	19	8	3	2	3	9	10	8	9	5	1	3	11	10	11							
9 (9) CANBERRA	16	6	5	5	21	20	17	—	17	8	2	3	3	9	11	7	8	4	2	2	12	8	10							
10(10) OLYMPIC	17	6	2	9	18	21	14	—	14	8	2	1	5	6	10	5	9	4	1	4	12	11	9							
11(11) BRISB. LIONS	16	6	1	9	18	28	13	—	13	9	3	—	6	11	20	6	7	3	1	3	7	8	7							
12(12) FOOTSCRAY	16	5	1	10	17	29	11	—	11	9	3	1	5	10	15	7	7	2	—	5	7	14	4							
13(14) ST. GEORGE	16	3	2	11	16	35	8	—	8	8	2	1	5	8	16	5	8	1	1	6	8	19	3							
14(13) STH. MELBOURNE	17	3	2	12	15	34	8	—	8	9	2	1	6	10	15	5	8	1	1	6	5	19	3							

BP: Bonus points for wins by 4 goals or more.
TP: Total points.

ADEL CITY 2 (1)
MARCONI 4 (2)
Goals: 0-1 Henderson (38m), 0-2 Sharne (44m), 1-2 Kent (45m), 2-2 Kent (55m), 2-3 Krncevic (60m), 2-4 Krncevic (68m).
ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 3, Russell 4, B. Nyskohus 4, Dods 4, Perin 4, Muniz 4, Northcote 4, J. Nyskohus 4, Deans 4, Marwe 4 (Besir 64m), Kent 4. **Coach:** R. Rasic.
MARCONI: Maher 4, Berry 3, Degney 4, Russell 4, Prskalo 5, Henderson 5, Byrne 4, Vieri 4, Jankovics 4, Krncevic 4, Sharne 4. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.
Referee: C. Bambridge (Vic). **Crowd:** 11,900. **Cautions:** Perin, Muniz, Northcote, Besir, Degney, Byrne.

CANBERRA 3
STH. MELBOURNE 2
Goals: Byrne (2), McLaren, Lutton, Evans. **CANBERRA:** Hoszowski, Moulis, Milovanovic, Callaghan, Davies (Gruicic 62m), Stark, Brown, Cant, Farrell, Byrne, McLaren. **Coach:** V. Fernandez.
SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laum

TOP PSL SCORERS

JANKOVICS (Marconi)	13
SMITH (Syd. City)	10
KRNCEVIC (Marconi)	9
DEANS (Adel. City)	8
BYRNE (Canberra)	8
BRENNAN (Br. Lions)	7
DRINKWATER (N'castle)	7
WATSON (Syd. City)	7
SHARNE (Marconi)	7
BARNES (Syd. City)	6
COLE (Heidelberg)	6
LOW (Br. City)	6
PICIOANE (Footscray)	6

PSL DATES

These are the probable dates of the postponed PSL matches:

• **Heidelberg v Footscray** (Round 14) on August 11 or 12.

• **Marconi v Canberra** (Round 15), midweek, before August 29.

• **St. George v Heidelberg** (Round 15), midweek, before Aug. 29.

• **Sydney City v Lions** (Round 15), probably Aug. 11 or 12.

On August 12 the Greek AEK will play in Melbourne against Victoria.

The same day Queensland will play a friendly match against New Caledonia in Brisbane and would like to see the Lions match postponed.

However, the PSL office is adamant that it should be played that day, if at all possible.

Also on August 12, as scheduled, the two Philips Cup semi-finals will be played.

These are Adelaide City v Canberra, in Adelaide and Newcastle v St. George, in Newcastle.

THE WEEK THAT WAS

• Tom Mihajlovic missed last week's match for the Saints — he was in bed with the flu.

• Raul Blanco, St. George coach: "What can I say? I'm relieved that we rescued a point in the last few seconds."

• Blanco was booed by many fans as halfway through the second half he pulled off his best striker, Roy Cotton instead of the disappointing Nick Fenoughty whom, strangely enough, he used as a spearhead.

• Les Scheinflug, Marconi: "We didn't play as well as we can — but I'm delighted with the points. I think we created many more chances than Sydney City."

• Gerry Chaldi, Sydney City: "You can't win important matches without effective strikers. Still, I don't think we deserved to lose."

• Todd Clarke, Sydney City goalie: "I can't explain that goal. Sharne's shot was a miskick, the ball was in my hands and then trickled out. Still, in the first 15 minutes we survived an absolute siege the like of which I can't recall. Sharne was our main tormentor."

• Sydney City's Eddie Thomson is certain to be out of action for some time with a badly damaged thigh muscle while winger Adahilton Silva is still not fit to resume.

• Chaldi again: "Alan Kershaw played brilliantly when Thomson had to leave the field — and this was the first time he played in the centre of the defence."

• Marconi's international Gary Byrnes last week became the father of a baby boy.

• APIA coach Ray Richards, after scoring his first point in four games since taking over as official coach: "I was certainly overjoyed to collect a point with a goal in the last three minutes. But remember we had Ken Reed playing with a broken nose, Peter Stone was out again with injury, and Peter Wilson and Brian

O'Donnell as well with one-match suspensions."

• Adelaide City's Rale Rasic was unhappy. "The 22 players should apologise to the public," he said. "We should have picked up 10 points on that game, not just one. APIA were the worst team in the Philips League since Mooroolbark, but we couldn't beat them."

• NBN 3 Television and the Central Coast Leagues Club have swung further behind the inter-city clash between Sydney City and Newcastle KB United. Channel 3 will televise and promote the game. The Leagues Club will also lend its support, and this week it is expected that the local Rugby Union will release the use of Graham Park for Saturday September 1 for the game.

• West Adelaide reckon they have picked up an outstanding striker in Marcelino Fernandez, who hails from Whyalla's Steel United club.

• It was like going home when Newcastle KB United skipper Roy Drinkwater was in Brisbane last Sunday for the clash with Brisbane City. Roy was with Brisbane Lions in 1977, although he was not a regular then as he is now with Newcastle. In 1975 he was New Zealand's "Player of the Year".

• Brisbane Lions' coach Matt Carson was pleased to link up again with striker Tony Brennan, who had been his protege in his very successful period with South Side Eagles. Brennan at times has to be carried a little due to a touch of asthma, but he is certainly unreal when he makes those quick scoring bursts.

• Ex-Wollongong goalkeeper Peter Wilson, 17, is another product the South Coast has lost due to not having a top league club. Their loss is certainly Sydney Olympic's gain, as he was on hand when regular custodian Gary Meier broke a finger in the Brisbane City game.

• Manny Poulakakis took South Melbourne to six State League titles in Victoria, but was coach of Heidelberg last week against his former club. On the other hand John Margaritis has twice been in charge of Heidelberg (ex-Fitzroy) since the Philips League commenced, but he coached South Melbourne last week after leaving Heidelberg six weeks earlier. It's all a little confusing!

• APIA's three recent losses to Newcastle, Brisbane City and West Adelaide were repeats of their first round results. Earlier Jim Adam was in charge, and of course in the second run over the target it has been the ex-Socceroo, Ray Richards. APIA however blotted their copybook last Sunday, earning a draw and not the win they collected in the first round.

• West Adelaide manager-coach Tom Forde: "Neither side played any real constructive soccer, but we should have scored four goals in each half based on the number of chances we created."

• Brisbane City's Nereo Saffich: "I was disappointed with our showing today. We hit a horror stretch in the second half that lasted seventeen minutes and for a team with a fighting reputation, that is just too long without lifting it's game. Newcastle are an honest team and got what they came for."

• Newcastle's Alan Vest: "I was happy with our effort today. In a game that could have gone either way we have to be satisfied with a point. It was an entertaining game."

• Vic Fernandez, Canberra: "We deserved our victory for our application to the job facing the breeze in the first half."

• Bobby McLachlan, Footscray: "The players were too mechanical in their approach, and must be more adventure-some if they are to lift their game."

• Olympic team manager Arthur Polly said that his club regretted having to dismiss Marston. Joe was an easy person to work with, but unfortunately when a team fails to achieve results it is the coach who takes the blame," he said.

• Olympic caretaker-coach John Xipolitas: "I'm very pleased with the result because it was a good start for me."



John Nyskohus of Adelaide City streaking past APIA's Terry Butler in last Sunday's 1-1 game.

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THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, JULY 21

Newcastle v Adelaide City 2.30, Int. Sp. Centre

SUNDAY, JULY 22

West Adel. v Canberra 2.30pm, Hindmarsh
APIA v Sydney Olympic 3.00pm, Wentworth Park
Sth. Melb. v Br. Lions 3.00pm, Middle Park
Footscray v Syd. City 3.00pm, Olympic Park
St. George v Marconi 3.00pm, Barton Stadium
Br. City v Heidelberg 3.00pm, Perry Park

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SUNDAY, JULY 29

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Adelaide City v St. George 2.30pm, Olympic Field
Heidelberg v APIA 3.00pm, Olympic Park
Brisb. Lions v West Adel. 2.30pm, Perry Park
Marconi v Footscray 3.00pm, Marconi Stadium
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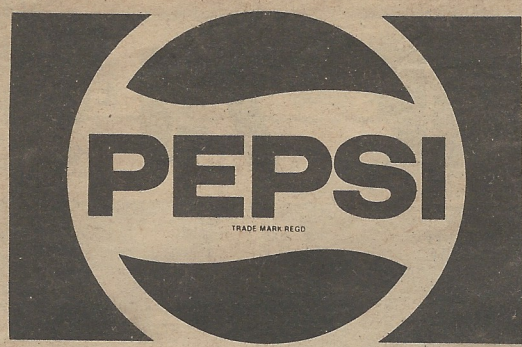
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PEPSI STATE SOCCER CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

Written by Stephen Dettre

AUBURN

Auburn's president Ron Bowman was not alone in predicting Croatia to take out the championship again this year.

"I don't really see any team capable of catching them at this stage," Ron said.

"My top four would be Croatia, Monaro, Auburn and Melita.

"I feel we are in a very favourable position because of our remaining games, and we can pick up a lot of points.

"Sutherland, in my opinion, have shot their bolt and although they are in the form now, there are several teams snapping at their heels — Auburn especially.



McMillan, Auburn

"I also feel that Melita will drop back a little, making way for us.

"Croatia and Monaro will pull away towards the end of the season, but I don't see the Queanbeyan boys catching Croatia.

"Croatia have too much consistency and skill," Ron added.



"I see three places taken, and the fourth wide open," said Avala official Peter Reljin.

"Croatia have the competition all sewn up and I can't see anyone threatening them seriously.

"Monaro will come in behind them, mainly because of their tremendous home advantage.

"They haven't lost in Queanbeyan, and this puts all the Sydney teams on edge when they have to travel away.

"Admittedly they have to play matches in Sydney as well, but that home advantage will see them into the top four.

"Then I think Melita will grab the number three spot.

"Behind them there is a small cluster, and from those I think we may possibly emerge as strongest contenders.

"I think Sutherland have faded and won't last the distance," Peter added.



"We would love to say that Arncliffe will be somewhere in the top four, but our plans didn't come to fruition this year," said Arncliffe secretary Dave Dorian.

"We would be more than happy though with a middle of the table position, say about sixth or seventh.

"In the top four I don't see any surprises in store, though there may be a reshuffling of positions among those present.

"Croatia is too strong for any one to catch, while Melita have proved themselves to be a useful

outfit.

"Sutherland can never be ruled out, and especially after coming back after a dull period they can be rated, alongside the impressive Monaro outfit.



Oldham, Arncliffe

"We have been improving the team work under Stan Ackerley, and we all feel hopeful that we can move up to a respectable position.

"One thing we are certain of is that we won't be relegated," Dave added.



"How they stand now is how they will finish," said Bankstown official Stan Peck.

"Croatia have the title, but I strongly tip Monaro to cause a sensation in the final-four tournament.

"They are playing some superb football at present.

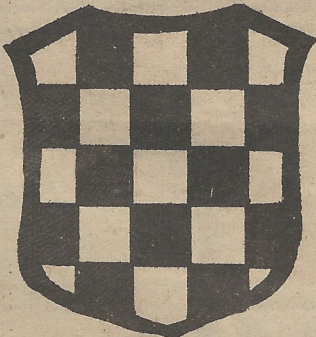
"It was a pleasure to watch them last week, even though they hammered us, but their soccer is beautiful to watch, with Valeri and Giampaolo an irresistible strike force.

"Melita and Sutherland will make up the other two teams, but the final four series will definitely be fought out between Monaro and Croatia I feel," he added.

"As for Bankstown, I think we will retain our middle of the table position.

"For us that is good, although we are disappointed over some early losses which may have robbed us of the chance to challenge for a higher place," Stan said.

"What we want to do is build upon this year's showing to go on next year," he added.



"I think the top four is a foregone conclusion," said Croatia secretary Peter Lukunic.

"Our nearest challengers at the end will be Melita I feel, with Monaro and Sutherland making up the numbers.

"These teams are really the only consistent ones in the league.

"Melita especially play a steady brand of football.

"As for the other teams, they all tend to come and go in their challenge for a top four spot.

This week we asked a representative from each of the 14 State League clubs to stick his neck out a little and give a prediction of how the top four will stand at the end of the season.

Just to add a little more interest to an already 'controversial' topic, we also asked the various club officials to predict where THEIR team will finish.

The answers, and their reasons, make interesting reading.

At the end of the page we have tabulated the 'average' positions taking all 14 predictions.

"Avala, Marrickville and Auburn all threaten to move into the top four, then suddenly drop behind after an unpredictable defeat.

"In my opinion they just don't have the consistency to gain a top four placing," he said.



"I can only really see two teams set for the semis, and they are Croatia and Monaro," said Ku-ring-gai coach Frank Malone.

"They stand out head and shoulders above the rest, with consistency, skill and attacking flair.

"Behind them there is a pack of teams all with a chance of gaining a top four place.

"At present Melita and Sutherland are there, but Auburn and Avala also have a chance, as do we in fact.



K. Smith, Ku-ring-gai

"But I think in the long run neither Auburn or Avala will last the distance.

"As for Ku-ring-gai I think we can be considered as outsiders for a position in the top four, though we will probably end up only in the top half of the table at the end of the year," Frank said.



MARCO POLO CLUB
QUEANBEYAN

The Inter Monaro camp is fairly confident about their chances this year of making the top four.

After missing out by a whisker last year, the Queanbeyanites are determined to put things right this season and take out a major trophy.

The general feeling in the club is that Croatia have the championship race wrapped up.

They have been the most consistent side in the league, and are a very classy side, bearing the indelible mark of the cultured Atti Abonyi style.

Monaro feel they will be runners up, after making a fairly slow start to the season.

But now they are one of the brightest attacking outfits in the competition and could well shoot their way into the Grand Final.

The remaining two spots, Monaro feel, will fall to Melita and Sutherland, one a good fast side with plenty of ball skills, the other a youthful, talented outfit with plenty of promise.



"Croatia to be champs, followed by Melita, Sutherland and Monaro in that order," is the tip of Manly president George Dick.

"As for us, I can't really see us relegated at the end of the season.

"The team is very inexperienced, but they are getting great battleground blood this year and are playing much better now than in January," he added.

"We would like to be about 12th or so.

"Our downfall was losing too many games by the odd goal, usually the result of lack of concentration," George said.

"But with our talent I think we can stay afloat.

"As far as the top four goes, I don't think Croatia can be caught, while Monaro, with their tremendous home ground advantage will be in there," he added.



"I have to be loyal, but it is not a totally blind loyalty," said Melita president Emmanuel Said.



McAusland, Melita

"As a result I still say that we can catch Croatia and still win this competition.

"We will never give up hope until it can be proven mathematically that Croatia are champions.

"My top four would be Melita, Croatia, Sutherland and Monaro.

"I base this on the prediction that Croatia's bubble will burst.

"They will lose to someone, and then they will come down like a lead balloon for a couple of weeks — just enough time for the rest of the field to catch them," Emmanuel added.

"We all have a high regard for Croatia, but I have an even higher regard for the Melita team," he said.

MY OLYMPIC

"I feel that there are only two certain places in the top four, and those belong to Croatia and Sutherland," said Marrickville Olympic official Lionel Brown.

"The other two spots are up for grabs, with at least four or five teams in with a chance.

"I feel that either Monaro or Melita will slip up and let in somebody else.

"My guess is that it could be Melita who will falter.

"It will be a difficult task, but I feel that we are up to grabbing a place in the top four.

"The lads are up to that if they can play at their peak for the remainder of the season.

P-MATTA

"I predict Croatia to take out the title again, but Monaro will push them all the way," said Parramatta president Ron Cunneen.

"Croatia are the classiest side we have in the league, and just about seem invincible.

"But Monaro are a top outfit too.

"They have a couple of great strikers in Valeri and Giampaolo who have been terrorizing defences for most of the season, without anyone finding an effective way of stopping them," Ron said.

"The other two teams in the four will probably be Melita and Sutherland because of their consistency.

"As for us, I see Parramatta finishing at worst in seventh place, and possibly just out of the four.

"We are not all that far behind, because the middle of the table is bunched, and with our crop of youngsters I think we may yet cause a bit of a shock," Ron said.

SUTHERLAND

"I don't see any appreciable change possible in the top four teams," said Sutherland coach John Watkiss.

"Croatia have the title cut and dry and I don't think anybody can catch them.

"I think Monaro may come in second, although their handicap of having to travel so often could tell towards the end of the year, just as it did last year.



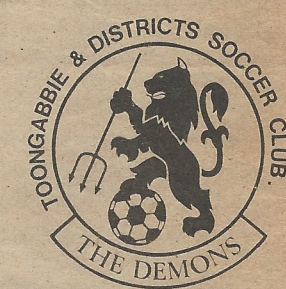
Hall, Sutherland

"I see Sutherland moving up to third place, mainly because the draw for Melita is a real frightening one in the next few weeks, with matches against all the top five teams," John said.

"We are still working our way out of the bad patch we hit some

times ago, but I still feel we have enough punch to retain third spot.

"Melita will be there, just, because the other teams don't really have the consistency to push up higher," he added.



"We had such high hopes at the beginning of the year, but it looks like we may have blown any chances of a top four position," said Toongabbie official Bill Parkhouse.

"My tips for the top four are Croatia, Melita, Monaro and Sutherland.

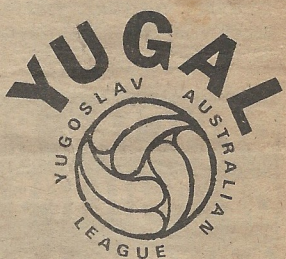
"They are all the most consistent sides.

"And not only that, even when they hit bad patches they can still come out with a point, or even the odd two pointer.

"That's where we failed, for we had too many ups and downs.

"Even when we played well we sometimes lost, and if you want to make top four you can't afford that 'luxury'," Bill added.

"I think we may just come outside the top four, certainly no worse than sixth place," he added.



"The top four is settled," said Yugal secretary Mike Alagich.

"I don't see any change from the top four teams at present, although their positions may vary a bit.

"I don't think Monaro can keep up their blistering pace much longer, and they will drop back a few places.

"Even so I don't think they will drop entirely out of the four," he said.

"If I had to pick the order it would be Croatia, Melita, Sutherland and Monaro.

"Sutherland will be there because of their power and youth, while Melita are fairly consistent," Mike added.

"As for Yugal, I don't think we will be playing in second division next year.

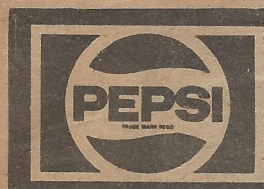
"We will save ourselves, and even if it is by one goal, then that would suit us to prepare for next year," he added.

By awarding four, three, two and one points to the top four teams in descending order, we worked out an average top four standing — taking all 14 predictions into account: 1. CROATIA (averaged 3.9pts) 2. MONARO (2.2 points) 3. MELITA (2.1 point) 4. SUTHERLAND (1.4 points).

Only two teams appeared in every top four selection — Croatia and Monaro.

Melita were omitted once, while Sutherland weren't considered twice.

Croatia were picked as champions by all but one club, while the only other clubs to be considered for the top four were Avala and Marrickville.



PEPSI STATE SOCCER

ARNCLIFFE v CROATIA 2-2 (1-0)

Croatia showed what champions are made of by twice coming from behind to play a draw with lowly-placed Arncliffe. In the 39th minute the Scots shot into the lead when Sidey opened the score. He received a pass from captain Alan Bankhead after Watson had failed to hold Schroeder's shot and headed past full-back Peter Mullen. Croatia levelled in the 55th minute. Jellica won the ball and lobbed it over goalkeeper Rogers. Arncliffe hit the front again seven minutes later, with Schroeder heading the ball past Watson following a free-kick. It was a heart-stopping affair thereafter, as Croatia looked for the equaliser. A magnificent Rogers

kept them out until Maurice Sullivan got them out of trouble with his goal in the last minute.
ARNCLIFFE: Rogers 5, Butler 3, Smart 4, Oldham 4, Hall 4, Bankhead 4, Hooper 3 (Perry 85m), Blackburn 3, Sidey 4, Schroeder 4 (Martin 70m), Tracey 3.
CROATIA: Watson 4, A. Kovacic 4, Mullen 3, Basic 4, Smith 3, Cagali 4, Sullivan 4, Cootes 3, Abonyi 4, M. Kovacic 4, Jellica 3 (Vidaic 73m).
Goals: 1-0 Sidey (39m), 1-1 Jellica (55m), 2-1 Schroeder (62m), 2-2 Sullivan (89m). **Referee:** B. Fowler.
Crowd: 1861.

—E. Persen

TOONGABBIE v MARRICKVILLE 1-2 (1-0)

This 2-1 defeat took Toongabbie right into the relegation zone. Toongabbie scored first in the 29th minute through a glancing header by opportunist striker Jimmy Izatt, in the only highlight of the first 45 minutes. Both teams adopted a dour approach to the game, which rarely sparkled. Despite the inventiveness of old hands Dave Harding for Toongabbie and Johnny Doyle for Marrickville, their colleagues did not catch their mood. Marrickville scored the equaliser through defender Greg Brown, whose shot from 30 metres slide in under the crossbar and foiled a valiant attempt to save by Gabbie's Peter Freeman. The winning goal came in the 88th

minute via the woodwork, with Joe Ramische claiming the goal. But, unfortunately, such thrills were few and far between.
TOONGABBIE: Freeman 4, Pena 5, Ankudinoff 3, Pointer 3, Boardman 3, Hormazabal 4, Harding 5, Thompson 3, Izatt 4, Ortega 4 (Benito De Valle 88m), Cuk 2 (Taylor 88m).
MARRICKVILLE: El Zein 3, G. Brown 5, Penman 4, Knox 3, Sheldrick 3, Zeros 3, Wignall 3 (McDonagh 67m), Isoardi 3, Doyle 4, R. Brown 4 (Thamnidis 45m), Ramische 3.
Goals: 1-0 Izatt (29m), 1-1 G. Brown (60m), 1-2 Ramische (88m). **Referee:** T. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 386.

—D. Clark

MANLY v AVALA 0-0

Semi-final hopefuls Avala were far from impressive as they dropped another point, this time to Manly. Home striker Greg Chapman had a 10-metre chip shot pushed over the bar by Avala 'keeper Peter Ahrens. Pino Palamara should have gone close, and at the other end Avala's Alan Griffith worked hard but received little support. Their goalkeeper Peter Ahrens made good saves from Manly's Townsend and Chapman, but his best effort came in the last minute of the game when he tipped a David

Jack 30-metre drive past the left post.
MANLY: Cassettari 3, Mouttet 2, Doyle 4, McVeigh 3, Townsend 3 (Vale 78m), Riley (Burchett 62m) 3, Dick 4, Stuart 2, Chapman 3, Jack 3, Palamara 3.
AVALA: Ahrens 3, G. Bateman 4, Deller 4, Barton 3, R. Griffith 3, Williams 3, Djuricic 3, Rnjak 3, Milne 2 (Young 45m), Kodor 2 (Patterson 55m), A. Griffith 3.
Referee: G. Warne. **Crowd:** 430.

—G. Streeter

SUTHERLAND v MELITA 2-0 (1-0)

In a torrid match, marred by a great deal of spite, Sutherland came out on top. Referee Richard Lorenc issued four warnings, and there could easily have been three or four more. The first goal came in the 26th minute. John Stoddart crossed from the left, the defence failed to clear and Peter Beggs crashed the ball past the 'keeper. No 2 eventuated in the 61st minute with fine combination between Beggs and Craig Hall resulting in the latter netting a good goal.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 4, Hesford 3,

Wykes 4, R. Smith 5, Dal Forno 4, Watkiss 3, Hall 3, Meades 3, Beggs 4, Stoddart 4, Harrington 3, (P. Smith 64m).
MELITA: Bracklow 3, Ververis 4, Gibson 3, Yamine (Mikas 21m) 3, Hadley 3, Darvill 4, J. Farrugia 5, McAusland 3, Allan 3, R. Farrugia 4, Parker 3.
Goals: 1-0 Beggs (26m), 2-0 Hall (61m). **Referee:** R. Lorenc. **Crowd:** 2216.

—E. De Mesquita

PARRAMATTA v YUGAL 0-2 (0-1)

Playing their best football of the season, the Yugal forwards combined beautifully to mesmerise the Parramatta defence and could easily have gone in four up at halftime. Strangely it was a set play that brought Yugal's first goal when, in the 16th minute Karanfilovski lobbed over a free kick for Morsello to head home. Play became hectic just before halftime, and referee Sandell issued five cautions to restore order. The second half saw a spirited effort from Parramatta, but their attack lacked purpose and cohesion. Ally Link was off in the 68th minute, and Yugal wrapped up the game when Barker

failed to hold a Travini shot and the ball trickled over the line.
PARRAMATTA: I. Barker 3, Selfridge 3, Bigland 3, Lackey 2, O'Maye 3, Forwood 2, Harvey 2, G. Barker 3, Link (sent off 66m) 1, Fraser 3, Barron 3 (Waldon 56m).
YUGAL: Berry 3, Radovac 3, Delaney 3, Coton 4, Prgomelija 4, Purac 3, Karanfilovski 3 (Nitya 82m), Tanoski 4, Morsello 3, Martinez 4, Travini 4.
Goals: 0-1 Morsello (18m), 0-2 Travini (88m). **Referee:** R. Sandell. **Crowd:** 648.

—A. Henderson

BANKSTOWN v MONARO 1-4 (0-1)

The twin striking force of Giampaolo and Valeri was the main difference between the teams, Giampaolo opened the scoring from a great run that saw him round Terry Greedy and slip the ball home. Palec was called upon to save shots from Rootsey, Butler and Porter, but soon after halftime Valeri delivered the body blow to the home team by brilliantly volleying a cross into the top of the net. Lynch forced forward for the Towns but this tended to weaken the defence. Giampaolo followed through for a breakthrough goal, and then ended with his hat-trick. Norrie Porter pulled one back with a header with only five minutes remaining. Right at the end

Sean Wilson retaliated and found himself off the park.
BANKSTOWN: Greedy 3, Thompson 2, Lynch 4, Beater 2, Gauld 1 (Daley 66m), Quigley 3 (Tansley 70m), Porter 3, Lee 3, Rootsey 3, S. Wilson 1 (sent off), Butler 2.
MONARO: Palec 3, Crawford 3, Cahill 3, Noble 3, O'Neill 3, Falzon 3, Santolin 4, Burt 3, Giampaolo 4, Valeri 3, Trajanoski 3.
Goals: 0-1 Giampaolo (19m), 0-2 Valeri (47m), 0-3 Giampaolo (60m), 0-4 Giampaolo (70m), 1-4 Porter (85m). **Referee:** D. Rennie. **Crowd:** 223.

—D. Morrison

AUBURN v KURINGAI 1-2 (0-1)

Despite a second half onslaught on the Kuringai goal, Auburn failed to stave off defeat at the hands of Kuringai in a rugged match. The experience of Jim Herron and Bobby Hogg and the obvious talent of young defender Alan Robertson won the day for Kuringai who were a little lucky to get both points. In the first half, young Robertson combined well with Hogg to contain the Auburn attack which was kept away from the shaky Steve Ellis in goal. Jim Herron used his experience to engineer both goals for Kuringai, the first laying out to Ron Geekie to hammer home a superb goal on the volley and the other with a precision measured pass to Graham Firrell to head home a superb goal. After the interval, Auburn came out

strongly and soon reduced the lead-way, but despite hitting the woodwork twice and forcing goalkeeper Brian Taylor to make two incredible saves, their luck ran out, even though on the performance they perhaps deserved a point.
AUBURN: Gisbourne 3, Cronett 3, Woods 3, McMillan 4, McCranor 3, McDonald 3, Juchniwicz 4, Hamilton 3, Tilt 3, Ruiz 3 (Field 50m), Montgomery 3.
KURINGAI: Ellis 2 (Taylor 60m), Birchall 4, Vousden 4, Robertson 4, Chambers 3, Hogg 4, Geekie 3, Lee 3, Herron 4, Firrell 3, Smith 2.
Goals: 0-1 Geekie (22m), 0-2 Firrell (46m), 1-2 Hamilton (59m). **Referee:** K. Small. **Crowd:** 245.

—C. Spiteri

STAN LIFTS HOPES OF ARNCLIFFE

That never-say-die Socceroo of other days, Stan Ackerley, has infused some of his remarkable drive into the Arncliffe team.

After a few weeks at the helm, his side only conceded a draw last week to unbeaten Croatia in the last minute of the game.

The relegation position remains tight, as the teams below Arncliffe are also scoring.

Tony Schwarz' Yugal lived up to his predictions of winning points by downing Parramatta, and Manly were good enough to steal a point from Avala.

So, if there is a runaway position at the top of the Pepsi League, there is a battle royal at the bottom.

And Toongabbie has drifted into dangerous waters.

In the Saturday game at Garside, expect big things from the Farrugia boys, Joe

and Ray, who were in peak form despite the loss last week by Melita to Sutherland in a thriller.

Melita have too much class against rugged Parramatta, but they must have full points to retain their potential final four rating.

Monaro are excelling themselves at present. At home on Queanbeyan's Marco Polo ground, they will find that their leading scorer Seb Giampaolo comes in for close marking by Alec McMillan, who has returned to bolster the Auburn defence.

Manly's bunch of triers will require what they gave against Avala last week and more if they are to hold the State League's magicians, Croatia.

Manly's improvement could, however, bring some thrills.

Bankstown are placed in the

middle of the table, but they will be sorely tried by the improved Yugal at Concord Oval.

Both Ku-ring-gai and Marrickville were winners last week.

Ku-ring-gai's Herron, Firrell and Smith are troublesome forwards for opponents to contain, and at home at Parklands the sparks will fly as they hurl themselves at the sound Olympic defence.

A draw could easily be the result.

With Peter Beggs fighting for every ball, Sutherland are at last

looking their real selves as they confront Avala at Knight Park.

Avala were not their true selves against Manly last week, but even at their best they could find it hard to contain the Soccer Sharks.

A while ago Arncliffe v Toongabbie could have been a one-sided affair.

At Hurstville a home win would put the Scots ahead of their well-heeled rivals on the ladder.

It could be another fiery game, and Gabbie are no certainties to take a point.



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PEPSI STATE LEAGUE SATURDAY, JULY 21

1 Melita v Parramatta Garside Park

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Monaro v Auburn Marco Polo
Croatia v Manly Soccer Centre
Yugal v Bankstown Concord Oval
Ku-ring-gai v Mv. Olympic Parklands
Avala v Sutherland Knight Park
2 Arncliffe v Toongabbie Hurstville

FIRST DIVISION

SATURDAY, JULY 21

Blacktown v NS Inter Francis Park
Olympic v Belmore Erskineville
Syd. City v Revesby Wentworth Park

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Warringah v APIA Graham Reserve
Nepean v Queens Park Cook Park
Polonia v Uni. NSW Chopin Park
Marconi v Wollongong Marconi Oval
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NEXT WEEK

PEPSI STATE LEAGUE SATURDAY, JULY 28

Auburn v Yugal Mona Park
Arncliffe v Manly Hurstville

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Parramatta v Avala Garside
Toongabbie v Ku-Ring-Gai Gabbie Stadium
Sutherland v Croatia Seymour Shaw
Bankstown v Melita Soccer Centre
Mv. Olympic v Monaro Arlington

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Wollongong v St. George Berkeley
NS Inter v APIA Cammeray

Vrolyks gets Gosford moving

The exploding Gosford district is now putting it all together and has applied to the NSW Federation for membership.

Prime movers in this huge area are Bill Vrolyks, former president of the NSW Soccer Coaches Federation, and Central Coast Association president Bill Northam.

The Central Coast United, Gosford Rangers and Doyalson clubs are expected to join forces to provide the initial playing strength and management.

"We know that Monaro went straight into State League and Wollongong United to First Division this year.

"Gosford will field a team that deservedly looks for at least a First Division grading next year," Vrolyks said.

The travelling time involved has ruled out the forthcoming Northern NSW State League for Gosford.

"We can't go to Tamworth, Tweed Heads, Lismore and so on," Vrolyks told us. "So many of our players and followers work in Sydney that it is the natural and closest link."

The NSW Federation have told Gosford to apply to Northern NSW for release from them so they can play in (southern) NSW.

On big retail chain and the Central Coast Leagues Club are the likely club sponsors.

Central Coast Association, with 243 teams and 3650 players, already receives an annual grant of \$8,000 from the Central Coast Leagues Club.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

PEPSI STATE LEAGUE

	I	II	III
B'town v Monaro	1-4	4-0	—
T'gabbie v M'ville	1-2	1-0	1-1
Manly v Avala	0-0	3-1	4-0
P'matta v Yugal	0-2	2-0	2-1
Auburn v K'gai	1-2	2-0	1-0
S'land v Melita	2-0	3-0	3-1
A'cliffe v Croatia	2-2	1-0	1-0

DIVISION 1

Nepean v N. Syd.	2-4	0-1	4-1
Revesby v Polonia	2-0	1-0	4-0
Syd. City v W'gong.	2-1	4-0	0-1
St Geo. v Marconi	3-2	—	—
B'town v W'gah	2-1	1-0	0-1
APIA v Syd. Olym.	2-1	1-0	0-2
Queens Pk v Uni NSW	3-2	0-1	4-0

DIVISION 2

G'ford v B'hall Hills	1-1	3-1	2-2
Lane Cove v Dee Why	0-2	0-2	1-1
Glad R. v Glad Hnsby	3-0	1-0	1-1
Yagoona v Dee Why	5-1	2-2	5-1
Lane Cove v M'ville	0-0	6-1	1-1
W. Ryde v Pt Hacking	2-1	1-0	0-2
Bathurst v L'bridge	0-0	1-5	2-1

DIVISION 3

Artarmon v Bondi	3-1	3-1	—
Camp'town v Ryde	0-1	4-0	—
Aschcroft v B'rigg	1-0	3-0	—
Kingsford v Nth B's'town	—	—	—
No referee turned up	—	—	—
Bonnyrigg v R'stone	3-1	4-3	—
H'ville v Ashcroft	2-4	5-1	—
Wenty v Syd. Uni	2-0	2-0	—

DIVISION 4

E'wood v N. Rocks	4-0	2-2	—
Chelsea v P'ton	1-1	0-2	—
N. Ryde v W. H'royd	0-1	3-0	—
F'field v Maroubra	8-1	2-2	—
H'royd v Padstow Pk	1-0	0-0	—
Revesby v Namatjira	0-3	1-1	—

DIVISION 5

W. St. Geo. v C'ley Hts	2-2	6-0	—
Edensor Pk v Syd. Macc.	3-2	—	—
Auburn Jnrs v P'wood	6-1	3-4	—
Camden v Macq. Uni	0-2	1-2	—
F'field W. v Concordia	4-4	9-0	—
H'field v Edensor Pk	1-2	2-0	—
H'bury v Syd. Macc.	1-3	0-0	—

DIVISION 6

Mt. P'chard v Green V.	3-0	1-1	—
Lakemba v W'ton Hills	2-3	1-6	—
W'ton Hills v S. Syd.	4-1	16-0	—
L'pool U. v Lakemba	3-0	4-3	—
L'Pool C. v G'stanes	6-2	2-2	—
Chullora v B'town	4-1	0-3	—
B's'town v Moorebank	0-3	0-3	—

THIS WEEK SYDNEY DRAWS

SECOND DIVISION

Sat.: Yagoona v Gladestville-Hornsby, O'Neill Pk; Baulkham Hills v Marrickville, Horwood Res. Sun.: Port Hacking v Gladestville Ravens, Seymour Shaw; Dee Why v Lane Cove, Dee Why Oval; Lethbridge v West Ryde, Jersey Rd; Bathurst v Guildford County, Bathurst.

THIRD DIVISION

Sat.: Riverstone v Artarmon, Schofields Pk; Bondi v Campbelltown, Waverley Oval; Sydney University v Hurstville, St Johns Oval; Wenty v Bonnyrigg, Centenary Pk. Sun.: Ashcroft v Artarmon, Stanwell Oval; Ryde v Kingsford, Hall Pk; North Bankstown v Riverstone, Potts Pk.

FOURTH DIVISION

Sat.: North Rocks v Fairfield Kiev, Murray Farm Res; Padstow Park v Eastwood, Soccer Centre; West Holroyd v Revesby Rovers, Pendle Hill Pk; North Ryde v Chelsea, North Ryde Oval. Sun.: Maroubra v Chelsea, Coral Sea Pk; Namatjira v Holroyd Rangers, Cawarra Pk; Padstow v North Ryde, Campbell Pk.

FIFTH DIVISION

Sat.: Pagewood v West St George, Jellicoe Pk; Edensor Pk v Maccabi, King Tomislav Pk; Haberfield v Fairfield West, Beaman Pk. Sun.: Macquarie University v Auburn Juniors, Macquarie Oval No 1; Concordia v Camden, Mahoney Oval; Hawkesbury v Fairfield West, North Richmond Oval; Canley Hts v Haberfield, King Pk.

SIXTH DIVISION

Sat.: Green Valley v Liverpool Utd, Blamfield Oval; South Sydney v Bankstown Sports, Booralee Pk. Sun.: Moorebank v Mt Pritchard, Hammondville Pk; Blacktown Wanderers v Winston Hills, Grantham High School; Lakemba v Liverpool City, Parry Pk No 2; Greystanes v Chullora, Bathurst St. Pk.

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RIVERA "ADVISER"

Having finally and officially retired, Gianni Rivera — a major shareholder of AC Milan — will now act as the club's "Special Adviser," a sort of technical director with widespread powers in the direction and management of the Italian champions.

ROSSI UNDECIDED

Paolo Rossi is still undecided about his future. The brilliant young Italian striker is anxious to leave the small Lanerossi Vicenza — but doesn't know where. "AC Milan have 70% chance, Juventus 20% and the other clubs 10% of signing me," he said last week. Obviously, he didn't even consider Lanerossi in his percentages.

OLEG IN FORM

Oleg Blochin, who skyrocketed to fame a few years ago with the Soviet team Kiev Dynamo and then faded out, is back in the news again. After a mediocre season Blochin came to life and in the match against Kuybishev scored three of Kiev's four goals — two from freekicks. However, even Blochin's form wasn't enough for the USSR: they were held to a 1-1 draw by Finland in Helsinki, keeping the issue still wide open in the European Championship qualifying group VI.

GEELS GOES HOME

That restless Dutchman is on the move again. Ruud Geels, who declined to play for Holland in last year's World Cup finals, has decided to leave the Belgian Anderlecht and returned to Holland to join Sparta Rotterdam. His original club was just across the city, Feyenoord Rotterdam from where he switched to Ajax.

EDSTROEM IN LIEGE

Ralf Edstroem, the tall Swedish striker who was such a big hit a few years ago with the Dutch PSV Eindhoven, decided that one year at home was more than enough and has signed for the Belgian Standard Liege for a \$220,000 fee of which he is allowed to keep half.

TOROCSIK WILL PLAY

The broken thigh injury of Hungarian star Andras Toroicsik, serious as it is, won't end his career as first thought. Toroicsik underwent successful surgery in a Budapest clinic and should be fit to resume training around Christmas time.

TOO CRITICAL?

Self flagellation is one of the favorite pastimes of German football. A current issue of the authoritative "Kicker" magazine couldn't name one West German defender to be of world class and couldn't even find a freeback in the international class.

HAMBURG SEEKS STAR

Hamburg's Yugoslav coach Branko Zebec isn't satisfied with the club's recent German championship title: he wants to sign a top class striker to strengthen his team. "We need one more top man if we want to stay among the elite," Zebec said.

BETTEGA INJURED

Roberto Bettega, the brilliant Juventus international star, suffered a serious injury in a post-championship match and will be out of action for many weeks.

PARIS MERGER

Two of the leading clubs of Paris, Paris-St. Germain and Paris FC, have merged. It has been more than 25 years since the French capital had a really successful and financially viable first division club and this amalgamation was designed to bring about a change in the city's fortunes.

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GERMANS CELEBRATE

The West German Press celebrated with special features the 25th anniversary of their country's first World Cup triumph, beating the hotly favored Hungary 3-2 in Bern. With the exception of Captain Fritz Walter, none of the other players became even reasonably wealthy. "We were born 20 years too soon," remarked one-time centre forward Max Morlock, now a Pools agent in Nurnberg.

BENFICA CHANGE

Following the resignation of the English coach Mortimer, the Portuguese cracks Benfica have appointed Mario Wilson, trainer of Portugal's national team to take charge. Benfica players, once among the best paid in Europe, are now earning about a third of what their Spanish cousins do.

POOR OLD DAVE

Manchester City's English international stopper Dave Watson will be quite well off with his new club, the German Werder Bremen: his salary will be about \$180,000 for two years. "But it wasn't just the money that made me leave," said Watson. "Since the arrival of Malcolm Allison to the club, I haven't been too happy with the team's tactical approach."

CLUBS REDUCED

The West German Association wants to rationalise its professional set-up and reduce the number of teams from the present 58 to 32, creating a first and only one second division with 16 teams each. The reason: far too many smaller professional clubs are facing grave financial problems.

ORTIZ IN HOSPITAL

Oscar Ortiz, the tricky international winger of River Plate, in Argentina, is in hospital with a chronic muscle injury which threatens his career. The 25-year-old winger expects to be out of the game for a few months despite medical diagnosis which assures him that he will be OK within a month or so.

LAURIE TO MADRID

Laurie Cunningham, West Bromwich Albion's colored winger, has been transferred to Real Madrid for \$1,800,000. Real seldom sign colored players: the last such star, Didi, the great Brazilian ace, turned out to be a flop. Because of the regulations which permit only two foreigners per club, Real Madrid have decided to retain the German Stielike and release the Danish Jensen.

Euro-Cup draws

Champions' Cup:

1st rd: One preliminary game: Dundalk (Ire) v Linfield Belfast (N Ire). Draw proper: Liverpool (Eng) v Dinamo Tbilisi (USSR). Arges Pitesti (Romania) v AEK Athens (Greece). Levsky Spartak Sofia (Bulg) v Real Madrid (Spain). Valur Reykjavik (Ice) v Hamburger SV (W Ger). Servette Geneva (Switz) v Beveren-Waas (Belg). Yejike Bk (Den) v Austria Wien (Austria). Nottingham Forest (Eng) v Oesters If Vaexjoe (Sweden). FC Porto (Portugal) v AC Milan (Italy). Red Boys Differdingen (Luxem) v Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus). Hajduk Split (Yugo) v Travonspor (Turk), winner of preliminary match v Hibernians La Valletta (Malta). Racing Strasbourg (Fr) v Start Kristiansand (Nor). Partizani Tirana (Albania) v Glasgow Celtic (Scot). HJK Helsinki (Fin) v Ajax Amsterdam (Holl). Ujpesti Dosa Budapest (Hung) v Dukla Prag (Czech). Dynamo Ostberlin (E Ger) v Ruch Chorow (Pol).

Cup winners' Cup:

1st rd: Two preliminary round matches: Glasgow Rangers (Scot) v Lillestrem SK (Nor). BK Qope Copenhagen (Den) v Apol Nicosia (Cyprus). Draw proper: Winner of first preliminary v Fortune Duesseldorf (W Ger). Dinamo Moscow (USSR) v Viaznia Shkodra (Albania). Juventus Turin (Italy) v Raba Vassas Eto Gyoer (Hung). Twenty Enschede (Holl) v Panionios Athens (Greece). IA Akranes (Ice) v FC Barcelona (Spain). Arka Gdynia (Pol) v Beroe Stara Zagora (Bulg). Cliftonville (N Ire) v Nantes (Fr). Wrexham (Wales) v Magdeburg (E Ger). Young Boys Berne (Switz) v Steaua Bukarest (Romania). Aris Bonnevoile (Luxem) v Riepas Lahti (Fin). SSW Innsbruck (Austria) v Lokomotiva Kisece (Czech). Beerschot Antwerpen (Belg) v FC Rijeka (Yugo), winner of second pre-

liminary match v Valencia (Spain). Boavista Porto (Portugal) v Silema Wanderers (Malta). Arsenal (Eng) v Fenerbahce Istangul (Turk). IFK Goeteborg (Sweden) v Waterford (Ire).

UEFA Cup:

1st rd: Progress Niedercorn (Luxembourg) v Grasshoppers Zurich (Switz). Gijon (Spain) v PSV Eindhoven (Holl). Sporting Lisbon (Port) v Bohemian Dublin (Ire). Zbrojovka Vro (Czech) v Esbjerg (Den). Bohemian Prague (Czech) v Bayern Munich (W Ger). Red Star Belgrade (Yugo) v Galatasaray (Turk). Rapid Vienna (Austria) v Dingsyoeer Miskoic (Hung). Read Scoieded (Spain) v Internazionale (Italy). Dynamo Dresden (E Ger) v Alitico Madrid (Spain). FC La Valletta (Malta) v Leeds United (Eng). Perugia (Italy) v Dinamo Zagreb (Yugo). Benfica (Portugal) v Aris Saloniki (Greece). Kaiserslautern (W Ger) v FC Zurich (Switz). Lodz (Pol) v AS St Etienne (Fr). Skeid Oslo (Nor) v Ipswich Town (Eng). FC Keflavik (Ice) v Kalmar FF (Sweden). Borussia Moenchengladbach (W Ger) v Viking Stavanger (Nor). Dundee United (Scot) v Anderlecht (Belg). Aarhus GF (Den) v Stal Mielec (Pol). Carl Zeiss Jena (E Ger) v West Bromwich Albion (Eng). Kuopion Pallotoverit (Fin) v Malmoe DD (Sweden). Aberdeen (Scot) v Wintracht Frankfurt (W Ger). Everton (England) v Feyenoord Rotterdam (Holl). Glenavon (N Ire) v Standard Liege (Belg). Lokomotiv Sofia (Bulg) v Ferencvaros Budapest (Hung). Napoli (Italy) v Olympiakos Piraeus (Greece). Schachtjor Donetsk (USSR) v Monaco (Fr). Dinamo Bukarest (Romania) v Aiki Larnaca (Cyprus). Dinamo Kief (USSR) v Cska Sofia (Bulg). Orduspor (Turk) v Banik Ostrava (Czech). Wiener Sporetklub/Post (Austria) v Universitat Craiova (Romania). Torino (Italy) v VfB Stuttgart (W Ger).

FIRST DIVISION

A goal by Peter Terry — his first in almost 12 months — two minutes from the end gave St George a close but very important victory over rivals Marconi.

—By Charles Spiteri—

With this victory and the downfall of Wollongong against Sydney City, St George is now seven points clear at the top of the table heading to win their first championship in this new division.

The only rival, which seems to be getting stronger all the time is North Sydney-Inter who again won convincingly against Nepean.

Championship challengers Polonia, in a slump in recent matches, fell to Revesby in a surprise result, so did second place getters Wollongong who were soundly beaten by Sydney City.

Another battle is raging at the bottom of the table with Queens Park beating University in a shock result while Blacktown downed Warringah in another surprise.

Playing a team of youngsters, APIA beat neighbours Sydney Olympic with the odd goal in another close match. Olympic who lost three players to the PSL team in Adelaide in addition to coach John Xipolitis finished with 10 men after one of the players was sent off.

ST GEORGE v MARCONI 3-2

Goals: Duarte, Dale, Terry, Williams, Lindsay.

ST GEORGE: Coe, Skeen, Holmic, Terry, Clarke, Groome, M. O'Shea, Dale, Matic (Davies), Morlando, Duarte. Coach: T. Zuckerman.

MARCONI: Corry, Jones (Edwards), Sullivan, Nutt, Tomasic, Selvaige, Agius, Grego, Williams, Lindsay, McCue (Lee). Coach: L. Nesti.

BLACKTOWN v WARRINGAH 2-1

Goals: Boland, James, Jagger.

BLACKTOWN: Bonnici, Aldridge, Vincent, Ramisch, Hanisch (Murray), Burtenshaw, James, Clarke, Boland, McCoy, Milakovic. Coach: C. James. WARRINGAH: Dean, S. Beverley, Jagger, Carpenter, Hiscock, Gordon, Duncan (Bulmer), Scott, Morris (Collings), S. Beverley, Potts. Coach: J. Van Der Wal.

QUEENS PK v UNI OF NSW 3-2

Goals: Coyle (pen), Thiele, Chapman, Benecke, Kay.

QUEENS PK: Spittle, Bell, Finneran, Coyle, Frow, Thiele, Stanning, Chapman, Sweeney, Placer, Griffiths.

UNI OF NSW: Galan (Ridings), Wren, Hughes, Grahame, Harris, Pengally, Kelly, Sackett, Keluwin, Benecke, Kay. Coach: R. Harbour.

NEPEAN v NTH SYDNEY 2-4

Goals: Dunn (pen) Hunter, Leyden (2), A. Bottalico, Mitchell.

NEPEAN: Harris, Dunn, May, Thoms, Thomas, Campbell, Rasmussen, Yousiph, Manning, Hunter, Lemonsczyk. Coach: D. Adrigan.

NTH SYDNEY: Lillee, Walker, J. Bottalico, Miller, Falchi, Henratty, A. Bottalico, Mitchell, Leyden, Matheson, O'Rourke (Martinuzzi). Coach: P.

Bottalico.

SYDNEY CITY v W'GONG 2-1

Goals: Dickinson, Silva, Jirsa.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Whiteman, (McGrouther), Webber, Rogers, Gomez, Silva, Tesoro, Svynos, Patikas, Dickinson, Borges. Coach: J. Hughes.

WOLLONGONG: P. Terziowski, Naumouski, Traicevski, Petkovski, Talevski, Davkovski, Vucitovski, Vasquez, M. Terziowski, Sattin, Jirsa. Coach: L. Ashbolt.

APIA v SYD. OLYMPIC 2-1

Goals: Dawson, Dalton, Michail.

APIA: Radjovic, Dawson, Laws, Jordan, Watts, Triantyllou, Palmer, Hababa (Gaitatzas), Pappas, Martinez, Dalton. Coach: R. Ferguson. SYD. OLYMPIC: Psevoikonomou, Papadopoulos, Kolopoulou, Constantinou, Louizos, Tizzone, Alligianis (Katsivelas), H. Xipolitis, Morgan, Michail, Luckett.

REVESBY v POLONIA 2-0

Goals: Mackin (2).

REVESBY: Donovan, Hargreaves, Patterson, Adams, Pittman, Copaz, Power, Reid, Mackin, Byles, Thomas. Coach: G. Byles.

Polonia: Greenfield, Fitzsimmons, R. Budini, Crothers, Swigell, Pietrzyk, Rylands (Oag), Sookee, Wozniczka, Strzelecki, A. Budini. Coach: Z. Strzelecki.

SCHOOLS

Cleveland Street and Maroubra Bay are matched in Sunday week's Lord Mayor's Cup semi-final.

The game will be played at 1pm, before the Sydney City-South Melbourne clash at Wentworth Park.

Cranbrook play the winner of Christian Brothers City and Sydney Grammar in the second semi-final on August 19.

The final has been set down for Wentworth Park on September 16, prior to the Heidelberg game.

At primary level, well known referee-cum-schoolteacher Richard Lorenc is sure that the NSW team will go close to retaining the Goodrid Shield in the Australian Primary Schools Championships in Brisbane from July 28 to August 4.

In the intra-state regional finals at Newcastle last week St George came out top with a 2-0 win over the vastly improved North Sydney.

The players for the Brisbane trip are:

Peter Gillies (Nth. Epping), Bradley Stein (Penrith South, Jeffrey Lewis (Boronia Park), Lem Matthews (Oak Flats), Brian Ellem (capt) (Wideview), Lee Nelson (Caringbah), Andrew Jones (South Tamworth), David Kennedy (Turramurra), Gary Brown (Banksia Road), Dean Thompson (Kingswood), Rodney Williams (East Corral), Michael Grbevski (Arnccliffe), James Rankin (Kilrawee).

—K.G.

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